whether Central Government have completed the scrutiny of such proposals;

(b) if so, whether the proposals have been hastily screened; and

(d) whether the settle norms have been • adhered to in these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE . MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Jagurupadu CCGT (216MW) and Godavari CCGT (208MW) being implemented in the private sector and Priyadarshini Jurala HE Project (6 x 36.9 MW) and Nagarjunasagar TPD (2 x 25 MW) have been accorded techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA).

(d) The settled norms have been adhered to in these projects.

Clearance to Cogentrix Power Project

5365. SHRI B.K. HARI PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been inordinate delay at the Centre in providing clearance for the Cogentrix Power Project at Mangalore in Karnataka;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Karnataka has strictly followed the guidelines and parameters set forth by the Centre in negotiating the project, including terms governing power purchase agreement;

(c) whether Government are aware that any further delay in clearance of the project would entail escalation/over-run of the original project estimates; and

(d) whether Government would speed up the process of clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The negotiation over the project is done by the State Government/State Electricity Board with the Project developer. The feasibility report submitted by the developer to Central Electricity Authority during the last week of March, 1995 is presently under examination by the Authority. The Power Purchase Agreement between the Karnataka Electricity Board *&* Promoters is also under examination.

(c) and (d) The Government does not anticipate any inordinate delay, which could entail escalation/over-run of the original project estimates. The project has been identified as one of the Fast track projects.

MOUs with Private Parties for Power Projects

5366. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of MOUs were signed by various State Govern ments with private parties for setting up power plants;

(b) whether Government's guidelines were followed while signing these MOUs;

(c) the details of MOUs signed by various State Governments so far; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take in regard to the MOUs signed if the guidelines were not followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TUB. MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to. (d) As per the information available with the Centre Government, 123 MOUs have been signed with private power proponents for seting up of power projects. The details of the projects are given in the annexure. *(See* Appendix 173, annexure no. 115)

Through a letter dated 16.1.1995, the Government of India has informed all the State Governments that all future private